(c) and (d) Final production estimates of various kharif coarse cereals for 1991-92 have not yet been received from the States. However, on the basis of available information, production of various kharif coarse cereals for 1991-92 kharif season has been tentatively estimated at 24.3 million tonnes, as against the production estimates of 27.9 million tonnes for 1990-91. The shortfall in the kharif cereals production during 1991-92 may be attributed to long dry spells and aberrant weather conditions that prevailed particularly in the North-Western parts of the country during the South-West Monsoon season (June to September, 1991).

Licences for New Sugar Factories

4114. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sugar factories for which licences were given during the last two years;

(b) what is the number of sugar factories for which licences have been given in Maharashtra; and

(c) what financial arrangements Government have made to instal sugar factories in view of escalation in costs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) During the last two sugar years *viz.*, 1989-90 and 1990-91, 59 Letters of Intent have been granted for setting up of new sugar factories.

(b) Out of 59 Letters of Intent issued during the last two sugar years, 21 Letters of Intent have been granted to the State of Maharashtra.

(c) Central Government does not make financial arrangements for the installation of new sugar factories.

Production of sugar

4115. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of sugar produced in the country during 1991-92;

(b) what quantity was produced in Maharashtra; and

(c) what is the incentive being given to new sugar factories in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The sugar production during the current 1991-92 season till 29.2.1992 aggregated to 77.46 lakh tonnes (Provisional) and the share of Maharashtra in the aforesaid production was 27.10 lakh tonnes.

(c) New sugar factories would be entitled to additional free sale quota as per the relevant Incentive Schemes.

अहमदनगर, महाराष्ट्र में नई चीनी मिलें

4116. **डा० बापू कालदाते :** क्या **खाद्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) महाराष्ट्र के अहमदनगर जिले में नई चीनी मिलें स्थापित करने की मंजूरी मांगते हुये तारीख 1-1-92 तक प्राप्त हुये उन आवेदन-पत्रों संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके लिये सिफारिश की गई है :

(ख) सरकार इन आवेदन पत्रों पर कब तक मंजूरी प्रदान करेगी ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) सूचना विवरण में है। **(नीचे देखिए)** :

(ख) पहले से जारी किये गये व कार्यान्वित न किये गये आशय पत्रों/औद्योगिक लाइसेंसों की बहुत सख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुये नई फैक्ट्रियों के प्रस्तावों पर अभी विचार नहीं किया गया है ।

विवरण

जिला अहमदनगर, महाराष्ट्र में 2500 टी०सी०डी० क्षमता की नई चीनी फैक्ट्रियों की स्थापना के लिए औद्योगिक विकास विभाग के माध्यम से खाद्य मंत्रालय में दिनांक 1-1-1992 तक प्राप्त आवेदन पत्र, जिनको महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा सिफारिश की गई है ।

क्रम सं०	स्थान सहित प्रस्ताव का नाम	खाद्य मंत्रालय में प्राप्ति की तारीख
1.	मै० अहिल्यादेवी महिला एसएसके लि०, स्थान-हलगांव, तालु० जामखेड़	8-5-90
2.	मै० नागर तालुका एसएसके लि०, स्थान-वल्की, तह० अहमदनगर	4-9-90
3.	मै० संगम सहकारी एसएसके लि०, स्थान-व डा० नेवासा, ता० नेवासा	19-9-90
4.	मै० नन्दादेवी एसएसके लि०, स्थान-नन्नाज, ता० जामखेड़	12-10-90

Licences for New Sugar Factories

4117. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the guidelines for licensing of new sugar mills, there is a provision that when more than one application is received from any one zone of operation, priority would be given to the application received earlier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this provision would create difficulties for experienced and well established entrepreneurs to obtain licences if their applications have not been received earlier; and

(c) whether Government are considering change in the guidelines for licencing of new sugar units with a view to accord priority to experienced and established entrepreneurs to obtain licences; if so, by when this change in policy is likely to ge made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI). (a) and (b) As per the Licensing Policy guidelines announced by the Government vide Press Note No. 16 dated 8.11.1991, in case more than one application is received from any zone of operation, priority will be given to applications received earlier. However, in such cases also, preference will be given to Cooperative Sector followed by Public Sector and the Private Sector, in that orter, even though the applications of first two sectors may be of a later date.

The aforesaid provision is in consonance with the general policy enunciated for sectoral priority i.e. other things being equal, preference in licensing will be given to proposals from the Cooperative Sector and the Public Sector, in that order as compared to the Private Sector.

(c) No change in policy is contemplated at present.

Central Warehousing Corporation Calcutta Region

4118. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the designation of those under whom warehouses are placed;